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## GOOD ATTENDANCE AT ALMA COLLEGE

Presbyterian Institution Opened  
Yesterday with Bright  
Prospects for Year.

## JOHNSON GAVE THE ADDRESS

Clear Thinking, Service, Honest  
Motives and Faith Are What is  
Needed, He Said.

Alma college opened for its thirty-second year Wednesday, with an attendance of over two hundred on the opening day, and which is expected to increase to such an extent that before the year is over the college will have the best attendance in its history.

At noon yesterday the enrollment had reached 208, and it was certain that a few of the students had not registered. It is also expected that a few will enter late. Of this number nearly 190 were enrolled for the regular college courses.

This attendance will, if it does not create a new record within the coming weeks, place the present college year among the three best in the history of the Presbyterian institution, and speaks well for the school in the face of the fact that few service men have been able to return and take up their college work. The students at the college this year are new comers to Alma, as the upper classes at the institution had been hit hard by the large number of young men who were called to the service.

It was stated yesterday afternoon that every room at Wright hall had been taken, and that there were a number of men on the waiting list, who are seeking rooms in Pioneer hall.

The opening address of the college year was given at the first chapel service which was held yesterday morning, the speaker being the Hon. T. E. Johnson of Coldwater, superintendent of Public Instruction for Michigan. This was the first appearance of Mr. Johnson in Alma since he became superintendent of Public Instruction, and the students of his Alma Mater greeted him warmly, when he was introduced by President H. M. Crooks.

Mr. Johnson in his address called attention to four things which were needed to make life worth while, to think clearly, to be of service, to have an honest motive, and to have faith and trust.

In bringing out the need of clear thinking Mr. Johnson called attention to present day conditions which are keeping the world in a turmoil, and called attention to the fact that they could only be corrected by discussion and by clear thinking, and not by having thought stifled.

In calling attention to the need of service a strike of kindergarten teachers in one city in the west was brought out as an example. They had struck for three hours teaching work instead of three and one-half hours, and yet they had in their hands the moulding of the lives of the young that they might later become serviceable citizens. It was brought out that there was a great satisfaction in service rendered.

His plea for an honest motive caused him to turn to his own profession for his example. He called attention to the millions which were being spent for good roads in Michigan, because of the trust that everyone had in Frank E. Rogers, state highway commissioner, and then brought out the hard task that he had had in securing \$40,000 from the legislature for his work in connection with the public schools of the state, intimating that a greater confidence was needed in the department by the hard-headed legislators, to bring the results, which could only come through honest motives.

In closing he brought out that with faith and trust all things of worth, and the fulness of life might be gained.

## ARCADA FARMERS CLUB

The Arcada Farmers club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Webb northwest of the city, September 25, 1919. Program as follows:

Dinner at 12 o'clock.  
Meeting called at 1:30.  
Song by Club.  
Prayer.

Song.  
Address of welcome by host, Mr. Webb.

"Why I am a Farmer," Hector Smith.

Recitation by Anna Rockafellow.  
Reading, Mrs. J. Hanford.  
Music, Voluntary.

Reading, Mrs. C. F. Hainline.  
Recitation, Miss Ila Rockafellow.  
Question box.

Closing song by all.

Mrs. Isabella Walstow,  
Mrs. John Fink,  
Mrs. Jesse Hanford,  
Mrs. Anna Rockafellow,  
Program committee.

Elmer Glyn's story, "The Career of Katherine Bush" is wonderful, Idlehour Sunday.—adv.



IRETT F. FERRIS

Receives Life Certificate at the Age of Seventeen.

Iret F. Ferris of Sumner, Michigan, has won the distinction of being the first student in Gratiot county and also the first student of the Ferris Institute at Big Rapids to receive his life certificate at seventeen years of age. He was graduated from the eighth grade at twelve years of age, from the tenth grade at Sumner at fourteen, from the Alma high school at sixteen, and completed the regular teacher's course offered at Ferris Institute including also a course in book-keeping, this last last summer, receiving his life certificate and also his bookkeeping diploma at seventeen years of age.

His grades at Ferris Institute were very high, showing the following averages: Spelling and shorthand 90 per cent, psychology 93, per cent penmanship, rhetoric, business efficiency and blackboard writing 94 per cent, business correspondence 95 per cent, debating 96 per cent, methods of teaching 97 per cent, mental arithmetic 98 per cent, and bookkeeping, salesmanship and psychology 100 per cent. His typewriting average was forty-two words per minute.

Mr. Ferris will teach commercial work this coming year in the high school at Sheridan.

## HILLCREST SCHOOL IS BADLY CONGESTED

Has Become Necessary to Move  
Another Temporary Building  
to Hillcrest Site.

Because of the unexpected number of lower grade pupils, who have started the school year at Hillcrest school, the temporary structure in the southern part of the city, a new ward school building, possibly within a year, is now looming up for the consideration of the taxpayers of the city.

So great has been the demand that has been made upon the temporary structure, that it has been impossible to take care of all of the lower grade pupils in that section of the city, and a large number have been transferred to the Washington school at the corner of East Superior and Court.

This has left over one hundred pupils in the temporary building, far more than can be handled in the structure. Sixty of these are in the grades on the first floor of the building and it has become necessary to secure a new instructor to aid at this school.

The crowded condition is still most serious in spite of the removal of a large number of pupils to the Washington school, and it has become a necessity for the school authorities here to move the temporary school building, east of the Republic plant number 1 to the southern part of the city where it will be located on the Hillcrest school site, to be used in relieving the congested condition.

It was decided that this was the most feasible plan for the present, as right now a new school is not a necessity, although more room is needed. It was felt that this building could be moved to the Hillcrest site at a far less cost than an addition could be constructed to the temporary school for, and thus be a means of saving considerable money for the taxpayers, until such time as a permanent building is demanded by the growth of the southern part of the city. The growth in that section in the past two years leads to the belief, however, that it will not be a matter of more than one or two years before a permanent structure is a vital necessity.

The building will be moved to the Hillcrest site just as quickly as possible and will be put into use as soon as moved.

## SPECIAL RATES GIVEN

Special rates are to be allowed on the railroads for Shriners' day at the Saginaw County Fair, which is to be held next week Friday, when it will be possible for Shriners to obtain railroad tickets to the fair for one and one-third of the one way cost. Shriners are being urged to be present at the fair on that day, and they are requested when ordering their railroad tickets to be certain to secure a certificate, which on presentation at the railroad station on the return from Saginaw, will secure them the return ticket at one-third of the one way cost.

## WILL MEET IN ALMA TWO DAYS

Gratiot County Teachers' Association and Institute to Be Held Here.

## WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

Conductor and Instructors for the Sessions are Well Known Educators.

The Gratiot County Teachers Association and Institute will be held in the high school auditorium in this city on Wednesday and Thursday, September 24 and 25, and all indications are that the program this year will be one of the best that has ever been arranged for an institute of the kind in the county.

E. E. Fell, superintendent of the Holland schools, well known in Gratiot county by reason of work that he has conducted at previous institutes, has been secured to conduct the sessions of the two days. His ability as a conductor of teachers institutes is well known, and is certain to aid in attracting a big attendance at the meetings.

H. A. Potter, county school commissioner has gone far out of his way to obtain the best possible instructors for the two days, and the teachers of the county will have the rare opportunity of hearing one of Ohio's best known educators and one of the best known of Michigan's educational men. They are F. B. Pearson of Columbus, Ohio, superintendent of public instruction for that state, and Dwight B. Waldo, president of the Western State Normal of Kalamazoo.

## CLAIM CHAMPIONSHIP

Republic Baseball Team Claims the Semi-Pro Title of State This Year.

The Republics of this city have laid claim to the championship of the Michigan semi-pro baseball world, and it is believed that the record of the Truckmakers this season entitles them to the honor. They have scheduled the Broilers of Grand Rapids for a series next week, however, with the expectation of eliminating that team from consideration.

The Broilers recently won the western Michigan title in a tournament in Grand Rapids and appear to be a team of class, and as they have not met any of the strong Detroit aggregations the Republics carded them, so that whatever claims they might have may be settled definitely.

The Republics have yet to lose a single series, although the International of Bay City are leading the locals two to one, with two games to play. It is not regarded as likely that these games will be played, however as nothing has been heard from the Bay City management in regard to dates suggested. The Maxwell of Detroit broke even on two games in Alma, and then failed to schedule additional games in Detroit as the local management was assured they would do. Corrigan's Wyandotte team cancelled two games, after defeating the Republics at Wyandotte in one game, and the Wilson Machine & Foundry team of Pontiac did likewise, and they are not being considered as a result.

To make the claim of the Republics still stronger, is the fact that the Chevrolet nine of Flint, defeated twice by the Republics is leading the industrial league of the state, and is now seeking the interstate industrial honors.

There is no question but that the Republics have the strongest semi-pro aggregation in the state, and recent suggestions for games with teams that have title aspirations, have brought no replies.

## PURCHASE STORE

Willett Sells Grocery to M. McIntosh and G. W. Fink.

It was announced yesterday that the Arcada cash grocery has been sold by Mr. Willett to M. McIntosh and George W. Fink, who took possession of the place Wednesday morning.

Mr. McIntosh has been in business in this city in past years and is well known to the older residents of Alma as a good business man, and he will have associated with him in the business his son-in-law, who has had considerable experience. They are expecting to give Alma a first class store in every respect.

Mr. Willett has also announced his intention of making an addition to his River avenue grocery store in which he expects to add a meat market just as soon as the work can be completed, which will be within the next few weeks.

## MARRIED WEDNESDAY

Miss Argentina Gregori of this city was united in marriage to Bruno Mazzolini of St. Johns Wednesday morning at St. Mary's Catholic church of this city, the ceremony being the first that Fr. Mulvey has performed since resuming charge of the local parish. Miss Helen Siler of Merrill and Louis Agostini of Ionia were witnesses at the ceremony. Music was furnished by Felix Chouinard.

## SYNOD MEETING

Presbyterian Synod to Meet in Alma During Month of October.

The Presbyterian Synod of Michigan will meet in Alma Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 14, 15, 16 and 17, at which time the business of the adjourned meeting of last year will be taken up.

The Presbyterian Synod was to have met in Alma last year, and it was expected until one or two days before the meeting that it would be held here, but it became necessary, because of the influenza epidemic, to call off the sessions until this year. Founders' day at Alma college comes on October 15 and it is expected that the day will be properly celebrated at the meeting of the synod, on the anniversary of the founding of the college by the Presbyterian Synod of Michigan at a meeting held in Grand Rapids in 1886.

## DR. E. A. BAGLEY WAS

GIVEN A FAREWELL

County Physicians Tendered a Reception to Retiring Alma Doctor.

Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Lamb were host and hostess to the members of the Gratiot County Medical Association at their State street home Friday evening at a farewell reception which was tendered to Dr. Edgar A. Bagley of this city, who is retiring from the medical profession here, after practicing in Alma for over a quarter of a century.

Nearly twenty-five doctors were present at the reception from all parts of the county, and during the early hours of the evening the time was enjoyably spent in visiting and talking over former gatherings, after which a sumptuous banquet was served.

Following the banquet a smoker was held in the basement rooms at which time Dr. Barstow of St. Louis, in behalf of the Gratiot members of the profession, presented Dr. Bagley with a fine gold watch, as a token of the esteem in which he was held. Deeply touched at this display of regard Dr. Bagley made a glowing response to the presentation address.

Late in the evening the members of the association were given a musical treat, the music being furnished by Mrs. Barstow and Mr. John C. Chick.

It is the intention of Dr. Bagley to leave Alma in the very near future. From Alma he will go to Oklahoma City, where he will visit for some weeks with his son, Lucius, and he will then go to Wenatchee, Washington, where he will spend the winter with his daughter.

## ICE SHORTAGE

Local Dealer Cutting Down Deliveries to Sell Ice to Ithaca Firm.

Rumors and reports of an ice shortage in Alma apparently have good foundation, a recent interview with V. C. Fuller, who has been handling the house to house trade this summer, discloses, as he admitted that he was selling ice to an Ithaca dealer, and expected to clean up not only on his ice, but also a little more money than would otherwise be the case.

Last week numerous reports and rumors were around to the effect that Alma residents could not get new ice books, when those that they had had become exhausted, the ice company management refusing the books on the ground that it was short of ice. In one place in particular it was stated that the ice company had just enough ice to furnish Swift & Company, and this particular Alma resident will swear to this statement he states if it is necessary.

When Mr. Fuller was asked if it were not true that he was selling ice to an Ithaca firm he admitted that he was. He stated that he was getting \$7.50 per ton for the ice, wholesale, at his ice house here, and that he had only been getting \$10.00 per ton for the ice he was peddling around the city. He stated that he was making more money by selling the ice wholesale to the Ithaca firm.

When asked if he thought it was proper to refuse ice to Alma families, who had children, and needed ice to keep milk cool and sweet for the children, he admitted that it would be hard on them, if another warm spell of weather came.

He was also asked if he thought it was fair to the citizens of Alma to sell this ice to the Ithaca firm, when it was needed by Alma people, who had given him support in his business. He made the statement that last year he had ice left, that he couldn't give away, leaving the impression that he certainly did not intend to have any ice left this year. It is now rumored that Mr. Fuller expects to dispose of his ice business and that he will not "enter" to the wants of the public next year.

## ATTENTION WOODMEN

Next Tuesday night, September 23rd is regular meeting night of the Modern Woodmen and each alternate Tuesday night thereafter. All Woodmen are invited to be present.

F. L. Delavan, V. C.

Alice Joyce in "The Spark Divine," Idlehour Monday.—adv.

DeLuxe candies.—77-11c

## HAGERMAN IN STELLAR ROLE

Republic Hurler Pitched Shut-out Ball for Twelve Innings and Then Won Game.

## HIS DOUBLE WON THE BATTLE

Brooks Also Rendered Great Service for His Team in Sensational Diamond Struggle.

After eleven innings of a great hurlers battle between Earl Brooks, Saginaw's famous kid hurler, and Hagerman, star moundman for the Republics, the Truckmakers broke through the defense of the visitors Sunday and shoved over the only run of the game, with one down in the twelfth frame, Smith scoring from first on Hagerman's second two-base knock of the game, stowing away one of the greatest bouts that has been seen on a Michigan diamond in years.

Brooks pitched a fine game, but Hagerman was even better than the Saginaw star. Not once during the entire twelve innings could an Erd player reach third, so well did the Republics hold the visitors in hand, and only twice, once in the ninth and again in the eleventh, was the halfway station seen. Only five hits were taken from Hagerman's delivery, and two of these were of the scratchiest kind. Twenty-four of the visitors struckout, establishing a new record for strikeouts on Republic field. One gift to first was all that the Alma hurler allowed.

Brooks allowed eleven hits, two or three of these being scratch singles. Two men were given walks, and eight struckout. The one time prospective Tiger was in trouble several times, but managed to pull through until Hagerman's blow wrecked the game in the twelfth. Once Devogt opened an inning with a triple, but could not score from third being nailed at the plate on a perfect peg, after a long fly to the outfield.

Hagerman struckout Hickey, Benway and Osterbeck to start. For the Republics Hunter struckout. Tooley was safe on an error. Chouinard singled. Devogt flied out and Baum struckout.

Brooks and Rice struckout. Warden walked and Diamond struckout for the Erds in the second. Oakes was hit. Sherlow grounded out, and Smith hit into a double play.

In the third Barrett struckout. Abbott grounded out and Hickey struckout. For the Republics Hagerman flied to left. Hunter grounded out. Tooley walked and stole second. Chouinard grounded out.

To open the fourth Benway struckout. Osterbeck grounded out. Brooks laced one to center for a single. Rice flied out. In the local half Devogt flied out. Baum struck out. Oakes was safe on a scratch single, but was nailed attempting to steal second.

In the fifth Warden struckout. Diamond grounded out and Barrett struckout. The Republics fared no better. Sherlow flied out. Smith grounded out and Hagerman struck out.

Three men struckout for the Erds in the sixth. Hunter started the local session with a single. Tooley sacrificed him to second. Chouinard patted one that looked good for three sacks, but Abbot in left pulled it down with the most sensational catch ever seen on the local field. Devogt walked, but the chances to score faded when Baum flied to center.

Osterbeck opened the seventh by slashing at three. Brooks singled. Rice bumped into a double play. In the Republic half Oakes walked, but was out in stealing second. Sherlow struckout. Smith singled, and Hagerman grounded out.

Warden struckout in the eighth. Barrett singled, but was killed off attempting a steal. Barrett struck out. With one down Tooley singled, but was stranded when Chouinard flied out and Devogt grounded out.

With two down in the ninth Benway singled for the Erds. He stole second, but broke his right leg, just above the ankle when his spikes caught in the sack. Lyons was put in to run for him. Osterbeck struck out. Baum opened the Republic half with a single to right. Oakes singled through the box. Baum going to third. Freeman, batting for Sherlow, struckout. Baum was nailed at the plate attempting to steal home.

In the tenth Brooks and Rice both struckout. Warden grounded out. Hagerman opened for the Republics with a two-base smash, but was stranded when Hunter, Tooley and Chouinard went out in order.

In the eleventh the Erds had their best chance to score. Diamond singled to start. Barrett flied out. Abbott was safe on Oakes' error. Diamond going to second. Hickey was struckout. White flied to Chouinard. Devogt opened for the Republics with a three-base smash. Baum grounded out. Oakes sent a long fly to right, and it looked as though Devogt would score, but a perfect peg by Warden to Diamond cut Devogt down at the plate in easy style.

Hagerman struckout Osterbeck and Brooks in the twelfth, and seemed to be going as strong as at any other stage of the game. Rice flied out. After Freeman had struckout to open the Republic half of the inning, the break in the great hurlers' battle came and Hagerman won his own game. Smith singled through second. Hagerman looked over one, and then slammed the second pitch to center for two bases. Smith scoring the lone run of a wonderful pitchers' battle.

ERDS	AB	H	O	A
Hickey, 3rd	5	0	0	0
Benway, ss	4	1	1	1
Osterbeck, 2nd	5	0	3	7
Brooks, p	5	2	0	3
Rice, m	5	0	3	0
Warden, rf	3	0	1	1
Diamond, c	4	2	10	2
Barrett, 1st	4	0	12	0
Abbott, lf, ss	4	0	3	0
White, lf	1	0	1	0
Lyons	0	0	0	0
	40	5	34	14

REPUBLICS	AB	H	O	A
Hunter, m	5	1	1	0
Tooley, 1st	3	1	5	0
Chouinard, ss	5	1	1	3
Devogt, c	4	1	25	1
Baum, lf	5	1	1	0
Oakes, 2nd	2	2	2	3
Sherlow, rf	3	0	0	0
Smith, 3rd	5	2	0	0
Hagerman, p	5	2	0	0
Freeman, rf	2	0	1	0
	39	11	36	7

\*One out when winning run scored.

Innings 123456789101112

Erds 0000000000000000

Republics 00000000000001

Run—Smith. Errors—Osterbeck, Oakes. Three-base hit—Devogt. Two-base hits—Tooley, Hagerman 2. Sacrifice hit—Tooley. Double plays—Chouinard to Oakes to Tooley, Osterbeck to Benway, Warden to Diamond. Stolen bases—Tooley, Benway. Bases on balls—Off Brooks 2, off Hagerman 1. Struckout—By Brooks 8, by Hagerman 24. Hit by pitcher—By Brooks 1 (Oakes). Passed Ball—Devogt. Umpire—Ryan.

Alice Joyce in "The Spark Divine," Idlehour Monday.—adv.

## HIGH SCHOOL OPENS SEASON TOMORROW

Relations With St. Louis High Have Been Resumed After a Three Year Break.

With the Owosso high school game postponed until next week Saturday, the opening game of the Alma high season will be held on Davis field Friday afternoon with St. Louis high, when the two schools will clash on the gridiron for the first time since the memorable 23 to 13 victory of the locals over that school a few years ago, which caused athletic relations to be severed for a time.

Coach Mullin has the prospects of one of the speediest aggregations in the country, will appear in the auditorium of Alma high school Wednesday evening, September 24, for a benefit performance, the proceeds of which will go to the Alma high school athletic association.

Press notices from all parts of the country in which the Swiss Bell Ringers have appeared speak highly of the ability of the members of the organization and those who attend the performance are assured of one of the finest musical entertainments that has been in Alma during the past few years.

The general admission for the entertainment will be fifty cents. The admission for students of the public schools and college will be thirty-five cents.

Following will be the program for the evening:

Trio—7th Concerto (De Beriot), violin, cello, harp.

Cello Solo—Traumeri (Schumann) F. L. Georgette.

Saxophone Solo—Popular Ballads, Josephine A. Georgette.

Trio—Sextette from Lucia (Donizetti), mandolin, violin, harp.

Mandolin Solo—Boston Idea (Siegel), F. L. Georgette.

Violin Solo—Mazurka de Concert (Musini), Josephine A. Georgette.

Ocarina Solo, Cello Obligate—Selected, Josephine A. and F. L. Georgette.

Xylophone Solo—The American Patrol (Deagan), Josephine A. Georgette.

Musical Aluminum Tubes—Popular Airs, F. L. Georgette.

Harp Solo—Mazurka (Schwenke), Signor J. Miraglia.

Banjo Solos—Darkies' Picnic (Brown), F. L. Georgette.

Swiss Hand Bell Trio—(a) The Last Rose of Summer, (b) Irish Airs, (c) Southern Airs.

Hungarian Dulcimer Solo—Popular Airs, Josephine A. Georgette.

Marimbaphone Duo—William Tell, Potpourri (Rossini), Josephine A. and F. L. Georgette.

Musical Flowers—La Paloma (Yradier), F. L. Georgette.

Organ Chime Trio—Medley of Popular airs.

## CONSTRUCTION WELL UNDER WAY

Northern Wheel Company Plant Started by Contractor Early this Week.

## WILL RUSH WORK ON BUILDING

Expected that Factory Will Be Completed Within Sixty Days if There are No Delays.

The plant of the Northern Wheel company, Alma's new one million dollar corporation has been started, ground having been broken the first of this week for the buildings which are to be constructed, which will consist of the factory building, heating plant and two large storage sheds.

Plans for the factory building have been changed slightly from those originally drawn, so that now the plant is to be 60 feet in width by 320 feet in length, instead of 304 feet by 60 feet. This building will be of brick, concrete and steel. The building for the heating plant will also be constructed of brick and concrete. The sheds will be of frame construction.

Work on the excavating for the foundation walls was started for the main plant on Monday, and the foundations are now being put in place. Every effort is being bent to have the plant completed within sixty days, and it is expected that the factory will start active operations before December 1.

The grading for the sidetracks leading to the plant has been done and workmen are putting in the tracks. This work will speedily be brought to completion.

## COMING HERE

Swiss Bell Ringers Will Give Benefit at High School for Athletics.

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